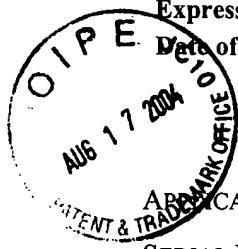


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- Response to Office Action dated February 17, 2004 (11 pgs.);
- Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg.);
- Check #19168 in the amount of \$475.00 for Extension fee;
- Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21486-026 CIP. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Response and Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2004 in the above-identified patent application. With a three-month extension, these documents are due on or before August 17, 2004. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. Thus, Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21486-026CIP.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.